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DOE Extends Public Comment Period on Clean Up Options for Santa Susana Field Laboratory Building 4024

Simi Valley, CA -- The U.S. Department of Energy announces it is extending the public comment period for the Building 4024 Decommissioning and Decontamination (D&D) Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) at the former Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC), Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) in Eastern Ventura County. The comment period has been extended to April 9, 2007.

The EE/CA identifies "demolition/removal and off-site disposal" as the preferred alternative to address the objectives of the Building 4024 D&D compared against a "no action" alternative. Both alternatives are evaluated for their relative effectiveness, the ability to perform the work and overall cost as the basis for a removal action decision.

Building 4024, the former Systems for Nuclear Power (SNAP) Environmental Test Facility (SETF), tested systems for nuclear auxiliary power reactors in a simulated operational environment. SNAP reactors were originally developed and tested as a nuclear power source for space vehicles. Building 4024 currently consists of a high-bay structure and below-grade test vaults. Exposure to neutrons from the reactors contaminated the test cell walls, ceiling and floors during the facility operations.

The EE/CA and its supporting Administrative Record File, which contains the documents that DOE used to identify the preferred alternative, will be used to support any decision. The EE/CA and the Administrative Record File are available to the public at the following libraries:

Simi Valley Library
2969 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley , CA 93063
(805) 526-1735

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Platt Branch Library

23600 Victory Blvd.
Woodland Hills , CA 91367
(818) 340-9386

California State University, Northridge

Oviatt Library
2nd Floor, Room 265
Northridge , CA 91330
(818) 677-2285.

Additional information on ETEC and the EE/CA may also be viewed at:

<http://apps.em.doe.gov/etec>

Comments, requested by April 9, may be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to:

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